

CITY OF HOQUIAM

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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region X
1200 6th Avenue
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Attention: Tom Waite

It is the intent of the City of Hoquiam to pursue approval of the present sanitary site as an acceptable site for disposal for all solid waste generated within the corporate limits of the City of Hoquiam.

It will be the intent of the City of Hoquiam to initially enter into a sanitary landfill system of solid waste management and in the near future to explore the feasibility of either Energy or Resource recovery.

Immediately upon approval of the Hoquiam sanitary site for disposal of solid waste with the sanitary landfill method of waste disposal, the City of Hoquiam is prepared to generate the necessary funds to begin a program which will be compatible with all current standards as required by the Dept. of Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Due to the time necessary to receive such approval and procure such funding it is impractical at this time for the City of Hoquiam to comply with the E.P.A. ambient air quality deadline of August 1, 1975.

The City of Hoquiam, however, realizing that it is not in compliance with E.P.A. regulations due to the present method of solid waste disposal is prepared to budget the necessary funds in the 1976 City Budget to purchase such equipment and manpower as needed to cease open burning by February 1, 1976, if not prior.

In the past the City of Hoquiam has looked to agencies other than itself for solutions of the current solid waste problems. Circumstances beyond the control of the City of Hoquiam have caused delays unforeseen in prior requests of extensions for compliance with D.O.E. & E.P.A. standards. This letter indicates a new position for the City of Hoquiam, one which will allow the City to have greater control over the timetable for compliance. Therefore, we can foresee no circumstances which would cause any delays beyond the February 1, 1976 date for compliance with the E.P.A. Ambient Air Quality regulations if such an extension is granted.

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